

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting December 4, 2013

The Committee met at 2:00 pm in Town Hall Room A and adjourned at 3:10. Chairman Erin Battistelli presided. Present were Town Administrator Linda Sanders, Town Treasurer Carrie Arnaud, Town Accountant Roberta Josephson and Finance Committee members Bill Wagner and June Michaels. Selectman Eliza Lucas was absent. DPW Director Joe Parisi, Tim Olson and Ted Tarr also attended.

FY2015 Capital Requests - Board of Selectmen

Linda Sanders said there is a new request for \$70,000 to obtain a professional survey of the lot lines for Long Beach. The new rents are based on the land appraisals and the lots vary considerably in size. The survey may result in adjustments to lots and may prevent encroachments in the future.

FY2015 Capital Requests - Water Enterprise Fund

See Minutes of December 2 for discussion of open projects.

There is only \$67,951 in available Water Free Cash.

Bedrock Wells Carrie Arnaud said that \$750,000 has already been borrowed for this project. June asked if the electric work could be accomplished under the existing appropriation. Joe Parisi said that the \$561,167.48 balance will all be required for constructing pump station. The additional \$150,000 requested for FY2015 for a power line is more expensive than a diesel generator but he feels it will cause fewer problems (tank, pollution, maintenance).

Ted Tarr requested permission to speak, saying the Town should rethink the entire project. It may not be needed as consumption has dropped and zoning changes have reduced the build-out estimates for future consumption. We have experienced no shortages requiring us to tap Sawmill Brook for some time. Joe Parisi said the water quality of Cape Pond is not as good when the water level is low and Tarr concurred that the water quality from deep wells is superior to that of Sawmill Brook.

Pigeon Hill Water Tank - \$512,929 appropriated to date. \$150,000 more requested in order to replace the existing tank with a glass-lined tank requiring less ongoing painting and maintenance.

Water Meters, \$23,400 requested, \$11,700 each for water and sewer. This is more than the annual \$15,000 request in order to purchase technology and equipment to track usage and identify leaks. Joe Parisi will provide quotes for this software.

Water Mains \$50,000 increased from \$45,000 in 5-year plan due to inflation (10%).

Water Capital Reserve \$50,000. Joe asked if funds can be put into just one account each year instead of opening a new account each year. Linda said that may require a separate article at Town Meeting. Roberta and Carrie will determine how to handle it.

Flat Ledge Quarry pumps \$50,000. Larger pumps are needed as we cannot at present move as much water in a day (from Flat Ledge to Carlson) as our permits allow.

Great Hill water pressure \$50,000. The Water Needs Assessment is evaluating the problems with water pressure. Perhaps a small tank will be required.

The Water Needs Assessment, which will be done in the spring, may tell us if the Flat Ledge Dam is still needed. Permits for the project have been extended to June 2018.

FY2015 Capital Requests - Sewer Enterprise Fund

See Minutes of December 2 for discussion of open projects.

There is \$316,302 in available Sewer Free Cash this year.

Fine Bubble Aeration \$100,000. Request reduced from \$135,000. FY13 appropriation of \$100,000 almost all spent.

Grit Pump Replacement \$380,000. Last replaced in 1990, parts of system from 1976 so parts are no longer available.

Water Meters \$11,700 - see Water projects.

Pump Station upgrades. June asked if upgrade plans are taking into consideration the vulnerability of low-lying stations to salt water intrusion due to ocean level rises. Joe said that the Marmion way station had experienced some flooding of fresh water due to a high rain and snow event, but shows no sign of sea water intrusion.

Replacing Wood Chips - project pushed out one year.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday December 9 - review and prioritize requests

Monday December 16 - finalize recommendations to Board of Selectmen

The committee may schedule additional meetings as needed, including meeting with bond counsel.